13. Shubh Karman, Punjabi weekly, Patiala;

14. Bahujan Awaz, Punjabi daily, Jalandhar.

(d) The following three newspapers were empanelled with D.A.V.P. for isssue of advertisements during 1994 :

(1) MR Khabaren. Hindi daily, Jalandhar;

(2) Panthik Patrika, Punjabi weekly, Patiala; and

(3) Punjabi Bani, Punjabi daily, Patiala.

Import of Films

3813. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to stae :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of films are being imported by Government annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof; filmwise;

(c) whether such films are of obscene nature;

(d) if so, the reasons for import of such films and its impact on the indigenous film industry; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Discontinuation of DAVP advertisements to Newspapers in Punjab

3814. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of dailies/periodicals in Punjab have been discontinued for issue of DAVP advertisements during 1990 to 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details and the number of newspapers and others which applied for DAVP advertisements during 1994;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) what effective measures Government propose to take to issue Government advertisements for the development of daily local papers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The use of 30 publications in Punjab was discontinued by D.A.V.P. during 1990 to 1993. A list of these publications is annexed as Statement (*See* below). The reasons for not using them are non-submission of media particulars by these publications, declaration of their circulation by the Registrar of Newspapers for India as 'unestablished', etc.

(c) and (d) During 1994, the following four publications from Punjab applied for empanelment :—

(1) MR Khabaren. Hindi daily, Jalandhar;

(2) Panthik Patrika, Punjabi weekly, Patiala;

(3) Punjabi Bani, Punjabi daily, Patiala; and

(4) Goneej, Punjabi weekly, Ludhiana.

The first three have been empanelled, while the fourth could not be empanelled as it did not supply the required documents.

(e) The advertisement policy of Government aims at an equitable placing of advertisements among the various categories of newspapers keeping in view publicity requirements, target readership and availability of funds.

Statement

The Names of Publications from Punjab Discontinued for Issue of Advertisements During 1990-1993

Sl. No.	Name of Publication	Place	Language	Periodicity
1.	Ranjit Yug	Patiala	Punjabi	Daily
2.	Roop	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
3.	Sada Pind Sada Khet	Ludhiana	Punjabi	Monthly
4.	Sanj Sawera	Faridkot	Punjabi	Weekly
5.	Accuracia Times	Patiala	English	Weekly
6.	Art of Living	Amritsar	English	Monthly
7.	Punjab Speaks	Patiala	English	Daily
8.	Sache Eraday	Ludhiana	Hindi	Weekly
9.	Pratap	Jalandhar	Urdu	Daily
10.	Punjab Bulletin	Ludhiana	Urdu	Daily
11.	Bahujan Awaz	Jailandhar	Punjabi	Daily
12.	Harjeet	Patiala	Punjabi	Daily
13.	International	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
14.	Sacha Hamdard	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
15.	Sanjogi Mela	Jailandhar	Punjabi	Fortnightly
16.	Shokien	Sangrur	Punjabi	Monthly
17.	MR Khabren	Jalandhar	Hindi	Daily
18.	Sandhya Chirag	Jalandhar	Hindi	Daily
19.	Saurabh	Patiala	Hindi	Fortnightly
20.	Uttam Hindu	Jailandhar	Hindi	Daily
21.	Vishwa Jyoti	Hoshiarpur	Hindi	Monthly
22.	Janta Sansar	Jailandhar	Urdu	Weekly
23.	Asul Te Sindant	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
24.	Lok Lahar	Jailandhar	Punjabi	Daily
25.	Punjabi Mission	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
26.	Quami Rajniti	Ludhiana	Punjabi	Monthly
27.	Ranjit	Bhatinda	Punjabi	Daily
28.	Ravcharan	Bhatinda	Punjabi	Daily
29.	Shubh Karman	Patiala	Punjabi	Weekly
30.	Bahujan Awaz	Jailandhar	Punjabi	Daily

Delay in Installation of High Power TV Transmitter at Fazilka

3815. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a High power TV Transmitter was scheduled to be set up at Fazilka during the first year of the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, for how much time the project is running behind the schedule and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the present status of the progress of the project and by when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The High Power Transmitter at Fazilka was formally approved in October, 1990 and was targetted for commissioning during 1994-95.

(b) Instead of a 300 M RCC tower, it is now proposed to construct a 300M steel tower at Fazilka. The delay is primarily in choosing the appropriate technology for the project.

(c) The equipment has been received and construction of building work has commenced. As per present indications the project is expected to be completed during 1996-97.